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BLM Prescribed Burn Planned for May 2010 In Tooele County

Fire personnel at the Bureau of Land Management, West Desert District, are planning a prescribed burn in the west desert of Tooele County, Utah. The Railroad Prescribed Burn is planned to occur as early as May 21, 2010, and may extend through the following week. The burn will be conducted on Union Pacific's railroad easement on BLM land near Interstate 80 between the areas of Delle and Clive and north to the Marble Head Plant.

The primary objective of this burn is to reduce the potential fire hazard by burning tumbleweeds that have accumulated on both sides of Union Pacific railroad tracks. Burning will occur in different sections along the railroad, totaling 15-30 acres. It will be implemented during spring conditions when adjacent vegetation is in a green up stage and is not likely to carry fire outside the designated burn area.

Given the burn's location near I-80 there may be a moderate amount of attention from travelers due to smoke and flames but visibility on the interstate should not be affected. Burn operations are expected to last one to three days.

For more information about prescribed fire, go to: www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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